

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2827 - HB 2773

February 25, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises fees for registration and inspection of commercial fertilizers. Requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish such fees, to develop tonnage inspection reports, to require commercial fertilizer distributors to submit tonnage inspection reports, and to revise penalties for failure to submit timely tonnage reports.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$25,000

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$25,000

Assumptions:

- The fiscal impact of this bill is dependent upon the specific action taken by the Commissioner of Agriculture such as any increase or decrease to current fees, the extent of any change to current fees, the extent to which the Commissioner establishes new fees for fertilizer in packages less than 25 pounds, and the extent of reporting requirements and resulting penalties established by the Commissioner.
- Any change to current fees is estimated to increase state revenue by an amount considered not significant.
- Any increase of state expenditures for developing tonnage inspection reports is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase of state revenue attributable to penalties or fines is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase to state expenditures for administering the additional departmental requirements as proposed in the bill are to be offset by new revenue to the department derived from additional fees charged for fertilizer in packages less than 25 pounds. Determining a precise fiscal estimate for these revenues and expenditures is difficult due to the noted unknown factors. However, the increase to state revenue and the offsetting increase to state expenditures are reasonably estimated to exceed \$25,000 per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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